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## GERMANY MISREPRESENTED.

How did we ever get the foolish notion that it was the German policy to sink without warning merchant ships even if our citizens were traveling on them? We must have been dreaming or laboring under some sort of hallucination.

Ambassador Bernstorff has told Secretary Lansing that in the event it is found that the Arabic was torpedoed without warning, Germany will not only disavow the act but will also offer reparation, at the same time giving guarantees that the offense will not be repeated. At least, this is the information that comes from apparently authentic sources. We are even told that Uncle Sam is to be informed that it was never the policy of Germany to sink unarmed merchantmen without giving passengers an opportunity to escape.

To say the least, this news is decidedly interesting as well as somewhat surprising. If it is correct, we have been doing a grave injustice to the kaiser. It was never his intention to let his submarine commanders murder our citizens on the high seas, committing crimes that shock the civilized world. Probably one reason why we misjudged and wronged his majesty was the attitude assumed by the German-American press which never hesitated to heartily approve of the sinking of the Lusitania and to lambast the president for making any fuss over it. We are glad indeed that Germany is a more civilized and more humane nation than it has been represented to be by those who have assumed to speak for it in this country. Under the circumstances, it would be perfectly proper for the kaiser to institute libel proceedings against the German-American press, and the heads of some organizations who, in his behalf, have been telling us that the killing of non-combatants on the high seas was entirely proper.

## JUST SPEAKING OF PARKS.

Once upon a time a movement was started for making a park around the city water tank. Some trees were set out and the grass may have been mowed once or twice and then the conditions of the primeval prairie were allowed to come back. This piece of ground is the property of the city and at a very little expense it could be converted into a pretty little park. The water tank itself, overgrown with vines, would form a valuable feature of the decorative scheme. In view of the small cost of making a modest sort of park at this place, it would seem that the main reason why we have neglected to do it is because we haven't wanted it. We haven't been sufficiently awake to the importance of parks as a part of a progressive town. The probabilities are that we shall never get anywhere in this direction until this apathy is overcome.

Down at Ardmore they have a tract of land around the city standpipe and this is what the Ardmoreites say:

"The city owns five acres of land surrounding the standpipe, northwest of the city limits, and the mayor suggested to the park board this morning that they take some steps toward improving it, and making an attractive park. The board will take the matter

up at once and see what they can accomplish in the way of making a beauty spot out of the land.

"The mayor suggested that the land be plowed, Bermuda grass set out this fall, and shade trees set within the park and along each side, as well as flower gardens, and, if practical, a fountain.

"The park board immediately began taking steps to see what can be done about the matter this year."

## OUR SHAMEFUL DIPLOMACY.

Now that there is a bright prospect for the settlement of our controversy with Germany, some of the critics of the administration—the kind that make partisan fault-finding a part of their profession—are already complaining because Wilson didn't walk over and slap the taste out of the kaiser's mouth before giving him any chance to explain his conduct.

They intimate that Uncle Sam is in deep disgrace because he didn't jump right in and wipe Germany from the map. It is genuine ignominy for America to miss a chance of going to war and thus showing the stern sort of stuff of which she is made. It worries these critics because the president is "too proud to fight" without provocation, and they even work themselves up to the point of shedding great gobs of tears over the shame that has befallen the nation.

American diplomacy, as practiced by the present administration, is a complete failure because it has failed to get us into the great war game. It is truly a sad state of affairs but every time we take a glance at what is going on in Europe we manage to suppress our grief. As a promoter of war, European diplomacy has our brand beat a mile or two and we might just as well admit it even though it fills our patriotic breasts with shame.

From Ardmore comes the report that the city treasury is rapidly reaching a piteous condition since the cops were provided with a buzz-wagon to catch speeders. The Ardmoreites since say they bag a dozen or so auto drivers every day and that the speed maniacs are cheerfully coughing up their coin to help support the city government. Now that the Chickasha officers have a car at their disposal, we are expecting to see a lot of violators of the traffic ordinance pinched. There is entirely too much speeding on our streets for the safety of the public and it is to be hoped that it will be stopped.

## A STOLEN SMILE'R TWO.

Showing His Ignorance.  
"What on earth are you doing?" demanded the indignant dining-car conductor of the novice waiter, "serving soup on a straight track? Why don't you wait till we strike a curve? You don't know the first principles of railroad."—Puck.

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"Excuse me, madam, but you are likely to put out the eye of the man behind you."  
"Well, he's my husband!" she snapped.—Chicago Herald.

## EXPRESS PACKETTES.

Now listen and I'll put you wise. It need not be a great surprise. It's plain as peas—I do not whack—That Oklahoma has come back.

The season for speculation on the world series is now officially open.

St. Sharp says he notices that folks always get along together better when they don't fall out.

In the majority of cases it will be found that more men feel sorry when he lies to his wife, if he gets caught.

But there is this to be said in favor of the male tribe: Few of them have the habit of pecking on the table in a card game.

Also, it might be a good idea for you to try having as much patience with the faults of other folks as you do with your own.

Ordinary caution should prompt a young man to dust his shoulder the next morning when he wears a dark coat on a visit to the dear one.

You auto fellows would better be on the lookout. Some of these fine nights the cops will call la servicee ar and make a grand drive on the speeders.

Excuse us, Bill, we are now sorry that we spoke. We should have known all along that your subs wouldn't drown our fellow citizens "politely."

Jealous of the prominence enjoyed by the Sit-and-Argue club, Bob Richards, the high mogul of the P. H. & C. L. push, calls it the Can't Argue club.

Strange as it may seem, the Sunshine Society is picking up a good many new members since the clouds have been taking a more prominent part in the program.

Judge Vance is enjoying a visit from his son who is a prominent Florida newspaper man. Just to look at him, you would never take him for the judge's son. He's quite a handsome young man.

JUST A THOUGHT  
ERE THE DAY IS GONE.

That by which a man conquers, in any passage, is a profound secret to every other being in the world; and it is only as he turns his back on us and on all men, and draws on this private wisdom, that any good can come to him.—Emerson.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGee Baby Elixir. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by Owl drug store.—Adv. d&w

## GETS SAFE CONDUCT HOME



Dr. Otto Appel, a privy counsellor of the German Empire, member of the Imperial Biological Institute for Farm and Forest Economics in Berlin-Dahlem and well-known in scientific circles throughout the world through his books on botany, was loaned to the United States government just before the war started to help the department of agriculture officials eradicate the disease which has ravaged the American potato and was prevented from returning to his country by the inability of the state department to get the British government to give him safe conduct home. After his work was finished Doctor Appel was forced to secure a position in the agricultural department at Washington to obtain money for living expenses. At last the British embassy has given its assurance that his return will be safe and he is soon to leave for Berlin.

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The greatest remedy for anger is delay; beg anger to grant you this at the first, not in order that it may pardon the offense, but that it may form a right judgment about it; if it delays, it will come to an end. Do not attempt to quell it all at once, for its first impulses are fierce; by plucking away its parts we shall remove the whole. We are made angry by some things which we learn at second hand, and by some things which we ourselves hear or see. Now, we ought to be slow to believe what is told us. If you were about to give sentence in court about ever so small a sum of money, you would take nothing as proved without a witness; and a witness would count for nothing except on his oath. You would allow both sides to be heard; you would allow them time.—Seneca.

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